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ALLIED CONTROL HEAD MISSING IN PACIFIC CRASH

Honolulu, Aug. 18.

At least six persons were killed and four others, including Mr. George Atcheson (Chairman of the Allied Control Council for Japan) were missing and believed to be dead in the crash of an Army B-17 into the Pacific.

The plane was only a few minutes flying time out on Honolulu. Three of the 13 persons aboard the plane were saved, including one staff officer of General MacArthur's headquarters.

Five bodies were recovered 42 miles from Oahu, main island of Hawaii.

A sixth body sank out of a few moments before a rescue craft could reach it.

In Tokyo

Today SCAP Headquarters confirmed the death of Capt. Randolph Byers, U.S. Army, of Portsmouth, Virginia, William Byers, "Honoluluvertiser" reporter, insisted he saw a tag identifying "FIVE" of the shrouded bodies "FEEL" from the destroyer Rowan "NA" that of Mr. Atcheson.

At the same time three crewmen of the Hermes (Coast Guard cutter) asserted the body saw sink was the diplomat.

Further top officials aboard the ship included Carl Buess (Assistant Chief of Staff of G-3), Colonel David Larr.

A radio message from the destroyer Rowan, one of the fleet of rescue vessels, said there "little likelihood" of the missing will be found.

Only Civilian

Mr. Atcheson was the only civilian aboard the plane.

In a radio interview, one of the survivors said that Mr. Atcheson sat quietly with a

Here Comes The Bush

S. Johns, Newfoundland
Aug. 17.

Threatened by a forest fire, a small settlement in Newfoundland's east coast in Bonaville Bay, was being evacuated today.

Five fighting equipment was rushed up by sea and a radio warning issued to the whole region.—Reuter.

THE JEWS AND ARABS CLASH AGAIN IN PALESTINE

Outbursts of violence, in which one Arab was stabbed to death, have dashed hopes of moderate Jews and Arabs that the week-end religious holidays would subside in the Holy Land with the week-end religious holidays.

Jerusalem messages say that one person was killed in an Arab-Jewish feud yesterday.

The dispute over the "repression" of Arabs appeared to have brought the three Jewish organizations to the brink of open warfare among themselves.

A gang of Yemenite Jews seized him while he was drinking coffee in a Tel Aviv restaurant, dragged him into an alley and stabbed him to death.

The Jewish Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang distributed pamphlets denouncing as "traitor" any Jew who touched a hair of an Arab's head.

The Irgun, broadcast over its secret radio, said: "When we executed the British sergeants, we were called murderers."

However, killed women and children who were beyond any political controversy.

But the Hagannah were participating in the feud against the Arabs and admitted blowing up a house on Friday in which 12 Arabs were killed.

The Stern Gang, in pamphlets distributed in Tel Aviv tonight, accused Brigadier E. H. Claydon, former Director of the British Military Intelligence at General Headquarters of the

Luzon Bandit Chief's Last Fight....

MILITARY POLICE AND HUKS CLASH IN CANDABA SWAMPS

Manila, Aug. 18.

The death of Castro Alajandrino, chief of the Hukbalahap field forces and right hand of Luis Taruc, was reported to the Military Police Command G.H.Q. today, according to press despatches from Central Luzon.

Alajandrino was said to have received fatal wounds on July 14 while fighting off an MP cordon, thrown around the Candaba swamps during recent operations there.

The report said the Huk commander escaped by banca (native canoe) but died later in Barrio Caricutan where he was buried.

Mayor Fernando Galang of San Simon (six miles southeast of San Fernando, Pampanga) said that MPs had also been shelling an encircled Huk concentration, reportedly led by Taruc himself, in the swampy lowlands.

The shelling was first directed from a church tower.

Eight MPs were stationed in the area.

They were machinegunned to death in the same area on the night of August 14.—Associated Press.

U.S. MAY REFUSE TO ARBITRATE IN DISPUTE OVER JAVA

Washington, Aug. 18.

The United States may drop its offer to serve as a go-between to end the war between the Dutch and Indonesians in view of the Republic's apparent failure to accept United States' good offices without qualification.

Yesterday, messages from Batavia indicated that the Indonesian Republic had made a conditional acceptance of U.S. good offices with an obvious invitation to the United Nations Security Council to take action first.

In Batavia, "grave disappointment" was reported to have been expressed by the American Consul General, Mr. Walter Foote, after he had examined the Republican reply to the second United States offer.

As Republican leaders were celebrating the second anniversary of the Indonesian State by telling gatherings of their people that Indonesia needed complete independence, Dr. Tamsil (Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs) brought the Republican Government's answer to Mr. Foote.

Later it was reported that he told the American Consul General that the Jogjakarta Government had instructed Dr. Sjahrir to request arbitration by the Security Council.

A message from Jogjakarta says that President Soekarno on behalf of the Indonesian Republic declared on Sunday that Dutch occupation of major Republic cities "does not mean our war strength is broken."

He pledged that the Indonesian revolution "will be continued to a successful end."

In a radio speech marking the second anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic, Soekarno boasted that the

THE STRIKE

TALKS TIMED FOR TODAY

The Chinese Engineers Institute has been requested by Mr. B. C. Hawkins (Labour Officer) to send a representative to attend a conference at 11 a.m. today.

There was no development in the strike situation yesterday.

No further walk-outs were reported.

The Labour Officer was understood to be in conference in connection with the strike, but in answer to questions the official spokesman said:

"There is no announcement to make."

Enquiries at the Chinese Engineers Institute elicited the information that there was no further development in the situation.

BAO DAI TO END EXILE

Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, will soon end his two year voluntary exile in Hong Kong and return in Indo-China, the official spokesman of the former Annam Emperor disclosed yesterday.

The spokesman also said that France has agreed with Bao Dai on the unification and independence of Indo-China and that high French officials would

FIFTH TEST TEA SCORE

South Africa: First Innings 129 for three.

Heavy Rains Spread Havoc In Hokkaido

Sapporo, Aug. 18.

At least 15 persons were killed in floods in Central Hokkaido as the result of heavy rains on Friday and Saturday, latest reports revealed today.

Seventy houses were washed away and 4,300 others inundated.

The inundation of 34,000 acres of farmlands, including potato crops, will be a severe blow to the already precarious food situation, the reports said.

Karuzawa

Meanwhile, at Karuzawa, the Japanese police have published the names of 10 Japanese—all men—who died as a result of the eruption of Mount Asama.

China Bank Head Tells Of Latest Exchange Plans

Shanghai, Aug. 18.

Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Governor of the Central Bank of China, today explained the Central Government's radically revised economic policy. He said that the Executive Yuan was setting up means by which foreign firms would be permitted to remit profits home and collect interest on foreign investments in China.

Mr. Chang, however, failed to answer many questions put at a Press conference, pleading that the regulations were too new for him to know how they would work out.

He explained that China's problem was similar to that of the whole world—a shortage of dollars.

Exports must exceed imports to augment and conserve foreign exchange and China must cut imports or get United States assistance, he said.

Mr. Chang laughed off a question whether the new regulations were timed to coincide with Li-Gen Wedemeyer's visit.

They had been under consideration since May and were promulgated when the time was thought to be ripe, he declared.

He failed to answer a question as to how much monetary assistance China needed from the United States to recover her economic balance.

He stated: "We need first of all the reestablishment and development of communications in non-combat areas and greatly increased power facilities."

A Bridal Dress For A Princess

London, Aug. 18.

Princess Elizabeth has chosen the dress she will wear for her wedding to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten at Westminster Abbey on November 20, it was officially announced from Buckingham Palace today.

The Princess's choice was made from several designs submitted by Mr. Norman Hartnell, the London dressmaker.

Details of the bridal gown will not be made public until just before the wedding.

It added: "There was heavy fighting right into the town itself."

The Dutch said the attack was repulsed "with some casualties on our side."—United Press and Associated Press.

Market Rate

Mr. Chang dwelt at length on the arbitrary open market rate which will be set each morning at 9.30 a.m. by four appointed banks.

He said he hoped eventually it would wipe out black market quotations.

"One of the main reasons is the psychological effect," he said.

"The open market rate, just below the black market rate, can be traded safely whereas the black market operations are subject to stiff penalties."

It was believed that the four banks would base the rate on the morning's supply and demand of foreign exchange with consideration of black market rates.

The Stabilisation Fund Committee can intervene in the setting of an open market rate but it is unlikely.

Central News says that, in view of the new regulations governing foreign exchange transactions, the Central Bank of China has instructed its agents in Nanking and Shanghai to discontinue temporarily the sale of US-dollar treasury notes of 1947.

Since their issuance on April 1, the sale of these notes has been entrusted to the Central Bank by the Ministry of Finance.

According to pertinent regulations these notes are to be sold in Chinese currency converted into U.S. currency at a rate quoted by the Central Bank.—Associated Press, United Press and Central News.

Japs Radio 'To Be Owned By State'

Tokyo, Aug. 18.

The Kyoto News Agency said today that the Communications Ministry has drafted for presentation to the Japanese Diet a bill which would place Japanese radio under State ownership and the management of a seven-man committee appointed by the Prime Minister.

The Japan Broadcasting Corporation, which has the monopoly of broadcasting, is a semi-government organization.—Associated Press.

Red Troops Massing On Iran Border

Tehran, Aug. 17.

The newspaper "Atesh," which is close to military circles, reported today that Russia is making large troop concentrations on the Soviet-Persian border.

The "Atesh" said the Soviet Ambassador, M. Sadchikov, had recently renewed pressure on the Persian Government to grant all rights to Russia.

The newspaper account also claimed that Russian "immigrants" are daily trying to slip into Persia.

An official of the General Staff told the United Press that Persian troops had been sent to the northern border "for emergency," but said the situation was normal.

Meanwhile, the Majlis elected Sardar Fakher Holmet, chief of the Democratic faction, President of the Parliament. He will hold the post for two months and then a new President will be elected.—United Press.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (12 p.m. Hong Kong Summer Time) the depression was centred about 150 miles WSW of Hong Kong moving slowly WNW. It is expected to enter the coast near Kwangtung tonight. Pressure remains moderately high over Japan and the Pacific to the E, and is low over Central China and to the W of the Caroline.

Today's Forecast: Fresh E and S winds, moderating; cloudy, showers improving during the day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 81.0 deg. F. Minimum: 76.8 deg. F. Sunshine: 111 hours.

Rainfall: 70.0 mm. = 2.76 inches. Total since Jan. 1—1021.8 mm. = 76.6 inches as against an average of 1651.8 mm. = 65.06 inches.

Headings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. at sea. 1007.1 1006.6 mb.
Rel. Humidity. 55.74 58.72 inches.
Wind. 11.0 14.0 32.0
Wind Direction. 10 77 deg. E. 230 W.
Wind Force. 22 10 knots.

U.K. CABINET DISPERSES AFTER SURPRISE TALKS

London, Aug. 18.

Government Ministers dispersed to resume their vacation today after a surprise Cabinet meeting on the economic crisis yesterday had mystified Whitehall.

One theory was that Prime Minister Attlee and 15 other Ministers had rushed back to London by plane, train and automobile yesterday to send revised 11th-hour instructions to the British financial delegation, scheduled to open talks with United States Officials in Washington today on possible easing of the Anglo-American loan agreement.

The meeting came less than 24 hours after Mr. Winston Churchill (Opposition leader) had castigated the Government for mishandling of the economic crisis.

Sir Stafford Cripps (President of the Board of Trade), Food Minister John Strachey and Health Minister Aneurin Bevan left Gordon Airport in separate chartered planes today to return to their vacation.

Prime Minister Attlee and

Foreign Secretary Bevin remained in London.

Their secretaries said they are expected to resume their vacations tomorrow or Wednesday.

The best speculation for yesterday's three-hour meeting at No. 10, Downing Street, appeared in the "Daily Herald" (Labour organ).

The paper said the meeting was mainly concerned with the loan.

This was borne out in part by the fact that Mr. Strachey (not officially a member of the Cabinet) and Sir Edward Bridges (permanent Secretary of the Treasury) were in attendance.

Informal sources rejected suggestions that Mr. Churchill broadcast on Saturday night, calling for a return to free enterprise and denunciation of Government for taking over direction of labour had any connection with

The Cabinet meeting. The speech, however, was discussed informally by the Ministers.

Election?

Suggestions that Mr. Churchill, in saying that the Government should have submitted the direction of the labour issue to Parliament and "to the people," was asking for a new general election, also were rejected generally.

Despite the growing criticism of Government's handling of the crisis, the Conservatives still do not believe they could win a clear Parliamentary majority at this time.

Another Labour victory now would mean that the Labour Government would continue at least until 1951, instead of 1950 when the next general election is scheduled.—United Press.

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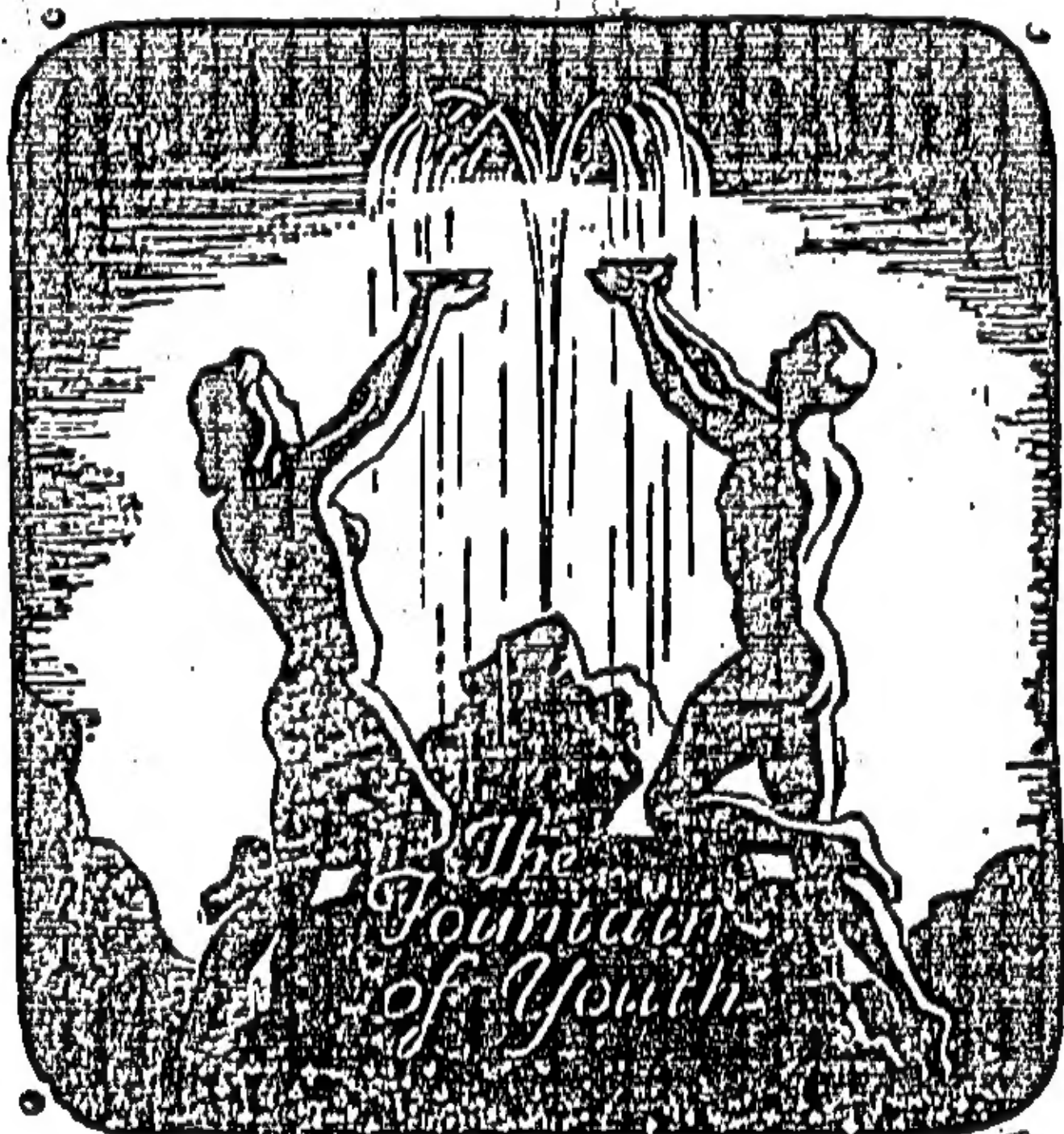


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Po Kut Complaint Disclaimed

The attention of the General Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway has been drawn to a report appearing in the Press yesterday morning in which it is alleged that the Canton-Hankow Railway Administration has attributed to the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway responsibility for the recent accident at Po Kut.

The Canton-Hankow Railway Administration would seem to have been misquoted, since the information at present available does not show the British Section to be in any way responsible, the cause of the accident being the clean fracture of a coupling on an UNRRA wagon, said a Government spokesman last night.

The faulty coupling was of a type which is fitted to all UNRRA wagons but which is not fitted to any of the rolling stock of the Chinese National Railways or of the British Section of the K.C.R., he added.

China's New Open Market Exchange

Shanghai, Aug. 18. The Central Bank of China announced today its "open market" rate for foreign exchange at CN\$39,500 selling and CN\$38,500 buying, for US\$1.

From tomorrow, the open market rate is to be announced daily at 0930.—Associated Press.

Immigration Officer Transfers To Nigeria

Mr. Monkhouse, the Immigration Officer, is expected to leave Hong Kong early in September on transfer to the Nigeria Police. Mr. Monkhouse served throughout the war with the Royal Army Service Corps both in West Africa and North West Europe. He joined the Colonial Police Service with a view to returning to tropical Africa, and was released from the services while a Major commanding a heavy transport unit of the Rhine Army for an interim appointment in Hong Kong. He was twice mentioned in despatches while in North West Europe.

Mr. Monkhouse arrived in this Colony in February 1946 and after a few months regular Police duty was appointed Immigration Officer in August 1946.

Mrs. Monkhouse, a South African, is also pleased to be returning to central Africa and will leave Hong Kong with her husband.

Casting Meeting For Radio Play

There will be a casting meeting for a Radio Play at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Missions for Seamen. The play is somewhat longer than has been usual recently, and there are several parts Philip Wade entitled "Mr. Pratt's Waterloo," a comedy by Val Gielgud and for both men and women.

The Club has planned a season of repertory drama on the stage which has been very generously put at their disposal by the Missions for Seamen. It is hoped to put on a play every month over the winter season and this can only be made easily possible by a large and active membership, whereby one section of the club can rest whilst the other is rehearsing.

It is desirable that the Club should have many more members and any person interested in any branch of theatricals should attend one of the casting meetings which are regularly advertised or communicate with the Secretary of the Hong Kong Stage Club, c/o The University, and auditions will be arranged.

ARMED ROBBERY AT WANCHAI

An armed robbery was reported at No. 9 Gresson Street, ground floor, Wanchai at 8.30 p.m. yesterday.

Four men, two armed with revolvers, held up the inmates and took U.K.\$3,500 and one gold finger ring.

The premises were occupied by the Ho Wah firm of Importers and Exporters.

No arrests have been made.

Enthusiastic Migrants Push Hard Towards Australia

Sydney, Aug. 18. Hundreds of enthusiastic immigrants, too keen on a new life in a new country to wait for Government-sponsored schemes, have come to Australia and New Zealand under their own power in the last few months.

Magistrate Stout remarked: "A statute 50 years old is inadequate to meet the circumstances when men are coming in."

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (South China) Ltd. \$10,000. Northern Feather Works Ltd. \$500. Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Harper \$500. Tannee E. Fild \$100. Total \$10,100. Hong Kong Government Contribution \$10,100. Received to August 18, 1947, \$2,700,000. Grand Total \$12,800,000.

LAMB 'ARREST' CASE IN FINAL STAGES Failure To Examine Baggage Led To Prison, Says Defence

In his closing address for the defence in an action brought by Robert Sandeman Lamb against A. D. Monkhouse (Immigration Officer) for damages for false imprisonment, Mr. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel) submitted that if Lamb had endeavoured to acquaint himself with what was in his baggage, there would never have been any imprisonment.

Mr. Bernacchi, in the course of his reply, said that Lamb's activities in 1942 should have little or no effect on the question of the damages for false imprisonment.

The case is being heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall. Lamb is represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. F. H. Lonsdale. Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. L. R. Andrews, is appearing for Monkhouse. Chief Inspector J. O'Donovan said that he expected to find among the papers from the British Consul in Shanghai some document which would give information as to how Lamb had come to be sent to Hong Kong together with Gracie and Johnston.

The papers received only referred to Gracie, Johnston and the Germans. O'Donovan said that when he gave instructions to Kriloff to take a statement from Lamb, he particularly mentioned that information should be obtained as to whether or not Lamb had any identity papers or money.

O'Donovan said he had to lay the matter before the Law Officers of the Crown and it was pertinent that such information should be obtained. When he walked into the room where Kriloff was taking a statement from Lamb, he saw a kit bag.

Lamb said the kit bag was his property but disclaimed knowledge as to the contents. When O'Donovan asked Lamb to open the kit bag and examine the contents, the latter said it contained some articles of clothing put on board ship at Shanghai.

To Police Station. After Lamb's statement had been completed, Sub-Inspector Lowe was instructed to take him (as well as Gracie and Johnston) to Central Police Station.

The next morning, copies of Lamb's statement were made and a copy given to the Immigration Officer. O'Donovan said that he later saw the Attorney General in the presence of the Immigration Officer.

O'Donovan said that he knew that a detention order would be issued for the detention of Lamb at the Immigration Depot at Stanley, so he gave instructions for Lamb to be brought to the Special Branch Headquarters.

Continuing with his address, Mr. Lonsdale said that the stand of the defendant was that the Immigration Control Ordinance gave him power to detain a person who had landed or entered the Colony without permission, particularly if he was not in possession of certain papers.

The power to detain was a power to detain at a depot or other suitable place. It appeared that the plaintiff had some grievance that Stanley Prison was not a suitable place.

Mr. Lonsdale said that evidence had been given by the defendant that he considered Stanley Prison to be the most suitable place and he gave the reasons for his decision.

Furthermore, a Prison Officer from Stanley, when asked the same question in the hypothetical case of his own detention, expressed a preference for Stanley.

It was a matter for the discretion of the Immigration Officer and in deciding upon Stanley Prison as a suitable place, he had acted in a reasonable manner.

Mr. Lonsdale also referred to certain distinctions which had been drawn between the powers exercised by the Immigration Officer and those which he might exercise.

Too Many Cooks In Their Broth

Shanghai, Aug. 18. The Wosung Shanghai Garrison Headquarters said today that it recovered stolen building materials worth CN\$5,000,000,000 but there will be no prosecution because many people are involved.

The Bank of China signed a contract with contractors to convert a building into an employees' dormitory and the Wosung Garrison was tipped off that hardware worth CN\$5,000,000,000 was stolen. Though not prosecuting, the bank said the man in charge of the general affairs section has been replaced.—United Press.

Parcel In Blanket

Sub-Inspector Lowe said that on Mar. 10, he went to Stanley Prison with a parcel wrapped up in a red blanket.

On Mar. 7, when a large amount of baggage belonging to German witnesses was being placed in storage, he was informed by one of the Germans—Flick-Steger—that the parcel and red blanket were not part of their property.

Mr. Lonsdale intimated that the case for the defence was closed.

Replying to a question by Sir Henry Blackall as to why Gracie and Johnston had been tried here when Lamb was not, Mr. Lonsdale said that Gracie and Johnston committed acts in Shanghai after May 20, 1943.

By Article 3 of a treaty with China, dated Jan. 11, 1943, which was ratified on May 20, 1943, and therefore became operative from that day, all the provisions of treaties or agreements which authorized H. M. Government to exercise jurisdiction over British Subjects in the territory of China were abrogated.

Under another clause of the treaty, His Majesty agreed that all rights accorded in and around the International Settlement in Shanghai should cease.

"This Court had no jurisdiction to entertain suits up to May 20, 1943, which contravened the provisions of the Emergency Powers Act or the regulations made thereunder, but thereafter, by reason of that change in the position in Shanghai, acts committed in Shanghai by British Subjects which contravened the provisions of the Emergency Powers Act were subject to the jurisdiction of this Court," he said.

The reason why Lamb could not be tried was because the acts on which the Crown had evidence were confined to the period to May 20, 1943. Lamb could not be tried for treason in Hong Kong, but could be in England.

Notice of the forthcoming wedding have been given at the Registry:—

Dr. Raymond Kyung Wang Yang, 74 Kennedy Road, to Miss Emma Elizabeth Burridge, en route from England.

Capt. Ghudhar Trimbak Kar-nik, R.I.A.S.C., 25 Homintin Road, to Miss Thelma Mercia Pinna, office assistant.

Passengers by CFA aircraft were:—

From Singapore & Bangkok on Sunday:—(Singapore) G. Gummerson, C.R. Thess. (Bangkok) La Cho Eng, Kwok Meng, Chen Yuan, Lee Seng Fui, Lee Teen Hin and P.T.K. Nayan.

For Singapore & Bangkok on Monday:—(Bangkok) Chow Chih Poh, Ng Dong Chong. (Singapore) C. Henderson.

Three Girls Who Liked Mah-jong

When three girls (all aged 17) appeared before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of "larceny by trick" of a mah-jong set, it was revealed by Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes that two of them were also involved in a larceny case in June and July last.

Cheung Sau-fong and Tsang Mui were convicted by the same Court on July 24 and June 10, respectively, for larceny by bailee of two bicycles from an unnumbered hut at Prince Edward Road on June 11.

Cheung, alleged to be the ringleader of both larcenies, with them bound over for \$250 with her sister as surety.

Tsang was bound over for \$200 with her father as bondman. At that trial, both girls were treated as juveniles.

Yesterday's case was in connection with the theft of a mah-jong set which (according to DSI Sykes) the same two girls hired from Tsang O's shop at 8 Fife Street.

The set was brought to 33 Bute Street, third floor, at about 10 a.m. on June 8 by a folk of the shop.

When the man went back for the set at 7 p.m. he found that neither the two girls nor the girl who was on the premises in the morning were there.

No report was made to the Police by the owner as she was a friend of Cheung and Tsang. Nothing happened until Aug. 15 when Tsang met Cheung in Shanghai Street and asked about the mah-jong set.

The girl is said to have admitted that she had sold it and declared that Li Fuk-yuen (second accused) and Tsang Mui were also involved.

First defendant took the owner to Shum Chun Street where the second accused was found. Both were taken to the Mong Kok Police Station where they are alleged to have stated that the third accused was living at Second Street, West Point, Hong Kong.

This girl (continued DSI Sykes) declared that she handed the set over to a man who sold it to a hawkers' stall in Tai Nam Street, Shamshuipo, for \$40.

It was eventually recovered by the Police from the stall.

Continuing, the prosecuting officer stated that all the three girls got out of the offence was \$420 between them. The man took the balance and left for Canton.

"A Racket"

It would appear, went on DSI Sykes, that the girls had been working a "racket" for some time, and that many people (especially women) have fallen for their innocent-looking faces.

His Worship was about to order the father of the third accused to surrender to his bond when DSI Sykes said that the present offence was committed prior to the date of the former case, and that it should, in reality, be treated as a first offence with the former conviction as a second offence.

First accused was bound over in the sum of \$500 in her own recognizance, as she claimed that her sister had gone to Canton.

Second and third defendants were bound over in a like sum with their mother and father, respectively, as surety.

The bonds of first and third accused in the last case to be additional to the present.

MINERS URGE OFFICIAL PROBE INTO WILLIAM PIT DISASTER

Whitehaven, Aug. 18. The National Mineworkers Union has entered a formal application for an official enquiry into the disaster at the William pit where 104 coal miners trapped by the explosion 48 hours ago.

Officials of the National Coal Board said today that no mining would be done in the pit until the whole area had been explored by rescue workers and inspected later by the Chief Inspector of Mines (Professor A. M. Bryan).

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U.S. Loan Running Out Fast

Only Two Alternatives Are Practical

Decision Deadline Matter Of Days

London, Aug. 18. While there was no official indication in London as to the nature of the further instructions to the Washington mission from yesterday's emergency meeting of the British Cabinet, it was responsibly understood that there were only two alternatives.

The immediate nature of the dollar crisis is that Britain lacks the resources to maintain convertibility at the present sterling-dollar exchange rate.

All indications from Washington are that only Congress could provide the additional resources to enable convertibility to be maintained and there is no intention of calling a special session of Congress in time.

The choice thus narrows down to the maintaining of convertibility at a lower or unpegged exchange rate or else, maintaining the exchange rate and restricting convertibility.

There have been reports from Washington that the United States Government would have acquiesced in the latter even before July 15 if Britain had asked.

If convertibility is to be restricted and if, as British Ministers have stated, Britain refuses to throw away her gold stock, convertibility must be suspended before the last of the loan is used, because some dollars must be kept in hand to honour the sterling already in American hands.

In Few Days?

With the loan running out fast, the deadline for this decision might be only a few days.

This would mean that sterling remains convertible throughout the eastern hemisphere but not in the dollar area. It would mean a great change in the present world trading system and possibly disruption.

Sterling is the great currency of international trade outside the dollar area and the dollar area is the great supplier of international

trade. Convertibility has been the bridge between the two hemispheres.

Unless, as seems impossible by the United States constitution, the bridge can be strengthened the choice to lie between bridging it or breaking it.

Significant Trip

The hurried departure for Washington of the deputy governor of the Bank of England was a further indication that the crisis is coming to a head and that the hour of decision may not be far off. Mr. Cameron Cobbold is widely regarded in the city as the "brains" of the Bank of England and that bank is in charge of the convertibility of sterling and the sterling exchange.

Mr. Cobbold's departure for Washington might have a very special significance.

The whole pyramid of international trade from the Bank of England to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to buy all sterling offered in New York at 4.0275.

British officials have emphasized that if it ever became necessary the Bank of England is entitled to restrict or rescind this instruction without violating any agreement.

The Theory

Theoretically Britain would have several other alternative (Continued at foot of next Col.)

General Election Improbable

London, Aug. 17. Possibility of a general election in Britain after Mr. Winston Churchill's attack on the Labour Government in his broadcast last night was being discussed today.

Political quarters in London regarded the matter with some reserve, however. Mr. Churchill, it was thought, in referring to a consultation of the people might just as well be reviving his proposal for a referendum on specific issues which he put forward as Prime Minister shortly before the Labour Government was returned in 1945.

Indications against an early election appeared as strong today as before the crisis.

Although a critical wing has emerged within the ranks of the Labour Party, there is no sign as yet that the Government's clear majority of more than 100 in the House of Commons is likely to be threatened if the fate of the Government were involved.

Three things would be needed to make a general election probable:

1. Emergence of a strong rebel group within the Labour Party prepared to carry the issue to the point of losing at least 50 mar-

ginal Parliamentary seats.

Remote

2. Appearance of a rebel leader willing to accept the risk to his career involved in challenging the present Labour leadership.

3. Presentation of a positive alternative policy from the Conservative side with which any rebel group of the Labour Party could make terms.

As the discontented wing of the Labour Party lies on the left rather than on the right, the line-up appears remote.—Reuter.

"EMERGENCY SESSION" OF CABINET

London, Aug. 17. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, broke his holiday and drove to London from North Wales today to preside over a meeting of the Cabinet, which, despite authoritative disclaimers, bore all the appearance of an emergency session.

Coming on the eve of the Washington talks, between Britain and the United States about possible relief from the conditions of the fast dwindling American loan, the meeting was seen by some to portend an imminent decision on the kind of relief Britain will ask.

Before the Cabinet met, it was indicated that only certain Ministers had been called, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, and the Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey. These heads of the Departments most concerned in Britain's import crisis—the Treasury, which must find the dollars when the loan runs out in October or earlier, the Board of Trade which must press through the switch-over of British industry to essential production, and the Food Ministry which budgets the foreign supplies programme on which Britain depends for more than half of its food.

Mr. John Strachey has already stated that his aim is to avoid a reduction in basic rations, and has said that if essential supplies are cut, he will introduce differential rationing between jobs.

As the Ministers assembled, it was learned that there were no plans yet for Mr. Dalton to go to Washington.

Observers recalled that when Britain went on the gold standard in 1921, all the major decisions were taken on Sundays.

The circumstances today are not exactly comparable, but the weekend summons to the Ministers was taken to imply that the situation is moving rapidly.

One possibility was that the Cabinet meeting was concerned with the stiffening of the instructions to the British delegation of experts headed by Sir Wilfrid Eady of the Treasury, who are due to begin their talks in Washington tomorrow.

It was conjectured that the Government may have had news that the run on sterling, far from abating, has increased, calling for decisions within a matter of days.

Financial experts thought it possible, in view of earlier developments, that the latest drawing of £137,000,000 a week ago might be almost spent.—Reuter.

either restricting convertibility or allowing sterling to depreciate might be only a matter of days.

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NO QUESTION OF NEW LOAN

New York, Aug. 17. There is no question of a new American loan to Britain, Sir Wilfrid Eady, leader of the British delegation which is to discuss revision of the present American loan agreement with Britain with United States officials, stated when he arrived at La Guardia Airport here today.

Asked whether if conditions were propitious the question of a new loan would be discussed at the conference due to open in Washington tomorrow, Sir Wilfrid Eady said: "As far as we are concerned, that is not on the agenda."

He said that the purpose of the discussions was to talk about the 1945 loan and "its more rapid exhaustion than we or the United States Government had anticipated at the time we negotiated it."

He added that the Marshall plan for European recovery was among the questions scheduled for discussion by the delegation which also planned to confer with film executives in Washington regarding the new British film tax.

Special Case

British officials in Washington hoped that the talks would not last more than five or six days. They hoped by that time to be able to report back to London the answer to one crucial question: with no special Congress session in the offing, and with the Marshall plan, therefore, at least seven months away, could Britain expect any other assistance from the United States?

A British source summed up the coming conference in this way: "Are we—as President Truman and the rest of the United States administration agreed we were in 1945—a special case? Or must we just wait in the queue for the Marshall plan aid with no special priority, and meanwhile drifting ever closer to the brink of bankruptcy?"

British officials hoped that the international political implication of such a question would be carefully weighed by the United States Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, and his colleagues.

Tomorrow's session will be largely occupied with Sir Wilfrid Eady giving details of how the United States loan has been spent, of Britain's present assets and how the British Government is tackling the problem, of what outside help is needed and what effect the crisis will have on the rest of the world.—Reuter.

Left-Wing Fusion In Poland

Warsaw, Aug. 17. Poland's Communist Workers Party and the Socialist Party are discussing "unity in a common party," the Minister of Justice, Dr. Henryk Swiatkowski, announced in a speech at Poznan today.

Such unity, he added, depended on the political maturity of the working classes.

A Communist spokesman told the same meeting that the two parties were now separated by obstructionists and to obtain unity it was necessary to rid themselves of "elements of low morale."

The two parties are approximately equal in size, each having a membership of about 500,000. In Parliament they both occupy the same number of seats under an agreement reached before the elections in January this year.

Earlier suggestions by the Communists that the two parties should be fused were rejected by the Socialists, and the Socialist Premier, who is regarded as the "strong man" of the Socialist Party, has stated that the time was not ripe for fusion.—Reuter.

PROTEST TO MILGOV

Berlin, Aug. 17. The Berlin Committee of the German Social Democratic Party has instructed the Party executive to protest to the United States Military Government against the returning of political refugees into the Soviet zone of Germany.

The protest was subject to confirmation of a report that General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor, had ordered 8,000 illegal immigrants now in Bavaria to be returned to the Soviet zone.—Reuter.

London, Aug. 17. M. Constantine Tsiparis, Greek Minister for Foreign Affairs, arrived in London by air today from the United States where he had been attending the United Nations Security Council discussions on Greece. He will spend a few days in London before flying back to Athens.—Reuter.

Price Fixing Probe

Washington, Aug. 17. The Federal Trade Commission has started action accusing the American steel industry of price fixing and "unlawful combination and conspiracy" to throttle competition.

The chief target of the Commission's action was the "basing point" system of prices which it alleged results in identical prices being quoted by all firms.

The action starts a procedure which may result in a "cease and desist" order, enforceable by the courts.

The Commission has ordered a hearing of the action for Sept. 19.

The complaint named as defendants the Iron and Steel Institute and all important steel producers. It charged the producers with acting "collusively in production and pricing" by which they were "able to frustrate and destroy price competition".—Reuter.

Prefers Scotland To Germany

Dublin, Aug. 17. A 19-year-old former German airman, Horst Mayer, who stowed away in the Glasgow-bound British ship Thelma, at Gothenburg, Sweden, and was handed to the local authorities when the ship called here yesterday, is to appear before a Dublin court on Monday.

Mayer said he had been arrested in Germany by the Russians, and had made his way to Sweden after escaping from the Soviet Union.

After two days aboard the Thelma, cold and hunger drove him out of hiding, and he repeatedly appealed not to be sent back to Germany, but to be allowed to settle in Scotland.—Reuter.

Wot About Russia?

Moscow, Aug. 17. The United States authorities in Korea have imprisoned up to 10,000 Korean patriots and suppressed popular meetings and demonstrations, Izvestia, the Soviet official newspaper, said today on the second anniversary of Korea's liberation.

In spite of oppression, the masses continue their struggle for the democratic transformation of Southern Korea on the lines followed in North Korea (administered by the Soviets), Izvestia adds.

The article stated that the main reason why the joint Soviet-United States Commission charged with working out a Provisional Government for Korea was not making progress was because "the American delegation insists that organizations which are members of the Committee for opposing the Moscow decisions on trusteeship should be permitted to take part in the consultations."

"The Soviet Government cannot agree to such a violation of the Moscow decisions, and must insist on the exact fulfilment of those decisions," it said.—Reuter.

PR. EUGENE DEAD

Stockholm, Aug. 17. The death of Prince Eugene, 82, youngest brother of King Gustav V and one of Sweden's foremost painters, occurred today.

His death was caused by a heart attack which he suffered on Aug. 2.—United Press.

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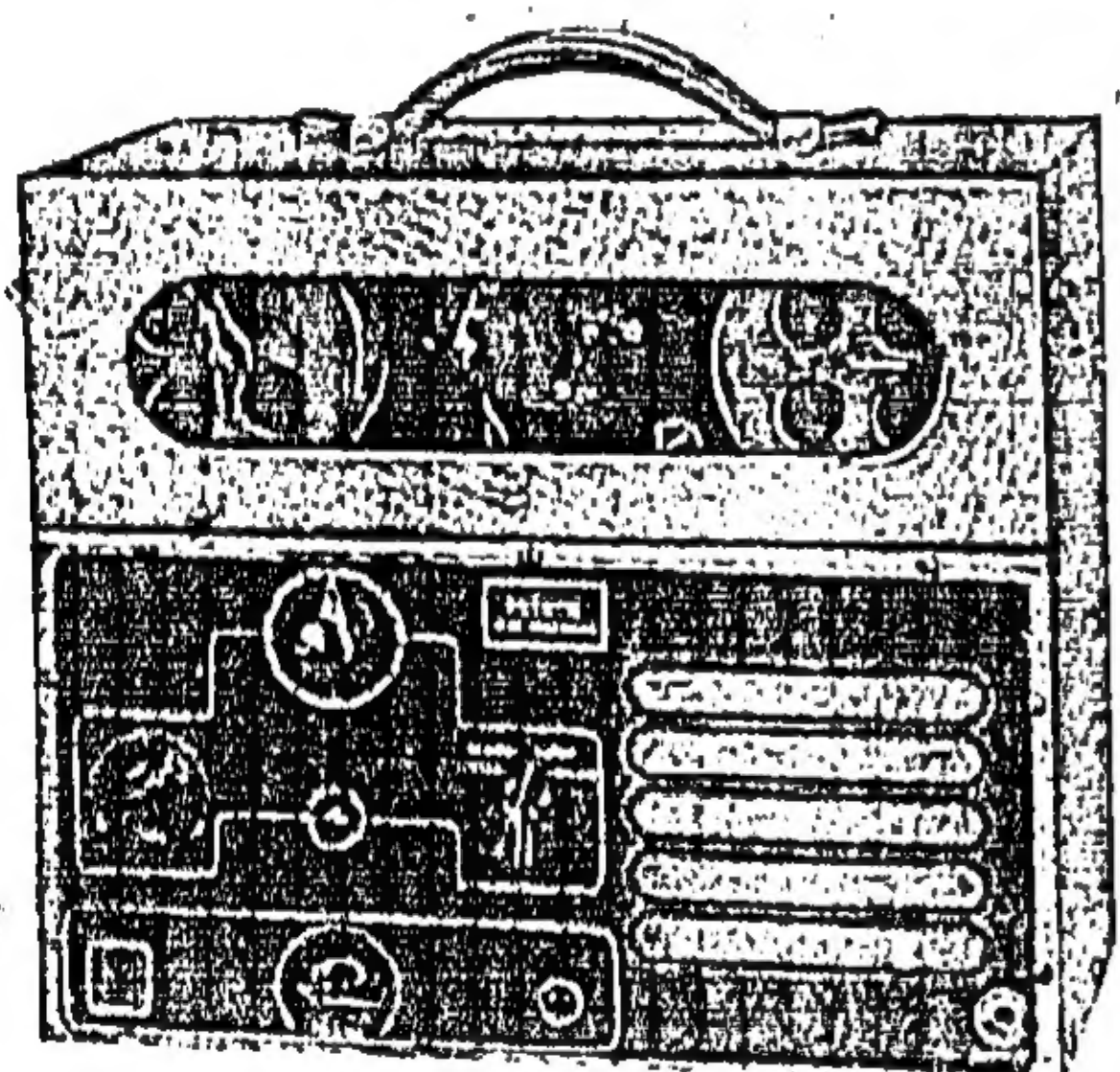
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taxation amounted to £2,210,000, and
that a Dividend of 10 per cent per annum
and a Bonus of 7 1/2 per cent per annum
was recommended and that a sum of
£2,000,000 should be carried forward. He
said that the Total Resources of the
Parent Company stand at £2,810,010, and
that the Consolidated Accounts show that
against the Total Issued Capital of
£2,708,512 the Company possesses a Total
Reserve of £2,654,527.

Dealing with general matters, the
Chairman said that as the Company
was concerned the main object of them
was to increase the productive capacity
in all fields for capital and consumer
goods for home and export. He pointed
out that the Company are valiantly
struggling to overcome, within the limits
set them, the difficulties which confront
them in regard to adequate buildings, new
tools, labour supply and raw materials.
He then went on to state that the Com-
pany had successfully changed over from
the production of war materials to normal
peace production but that they were
handicapped by the necessity to change
their plant with the ever changing picture
dictated by national requirements.

G.E.C. Activities and Extensions

In dealing with the part that the
Company is playing in the call for in-
creased production in all fields, the Chair-
man pointed out that the Company have
increased and intend to increase further
the output for capital goods in connection
with transmission and distributing plant
and traction work. He also mentioned that
the Company's manufacturing capacity in
telephone and radio transmission plant
which was destroyed during the war had
not only been replaced but extended by
additional works in Coventry and Midland.
Dealing with export trade, he
mentioned that the Company's Trading Or-
ganisations all over the world had been greatly
strengthened, and that they had ex-
tended their manufacturing operations to
Australia, New Zealand and India. He
then gave examples of the Company's
production activities during the year
which covered every kind of electrical
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He then went on to say that it was
unnecessary to point out that the demand
for most of their goods at home and
abroad was in excess of their output, and
in his opinion this would continue for
some time, anyhow as far as capital
goods are concerned. In regard to some
of the consumer goods the outlook was
becoming less promising.

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pansion for the coming year, are both
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without delay.

**EVATT EXTENDS PRAISE FOR
MACARTHUR'S POLICY**

Canberra, Aug. 17.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Minister for Ex-
ternal Affairs, who returned last week from a
visit to Japan, declared in a broadcast today
that General MacArthur's policy of disarm-
ment and of sowing the seeds of democratic
reform in Japan had been more successful than
was generally imagined.

Dr. Evatt, who during his visit, discussed with
General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Com-
mander in Japan, some of the problems aris-
ing out of the Japanese peace treaty negotia-
tions, declared: "We can see the pattern of the
Japanese peace settlement giving security
against Japanese aggression and, at the same
time, lifting the standards of the people of
Asia and the Pacific countries."

There was no reason why a
speedy and just Japanese peace
settlement by early 1948 should
not be followed by a European
settlement. Dr. Evatt said.

"Australia wants no veto
power to prevent the supervisory
body appointed under the peace
settlement from making a deci-
sion in time."

"It is essential that the
supervisory body should control
imports, the chief means of
keeping the Japanese industry
away from war potential. Aus-
tralia desires a settlement en-
abling the Japanese to develop
peacefully through trade."

Democratisation

He was impressed, he said,
by the fact that at the end of
March this year, there were al-
ready 20,000 trade unions in
Japan with a membership of
over 5,000,000, including 1,250-
000 women.

The first task of demilitarisation
had been almost completed by
the American and British
Commonwealth forces, and the
foundations of the next stage—
the long-term democratisation
of Japan—had been well laid.

These topics would be discus-
sed by members of the British
Commonwealth at the Confer-
ence on Aug. 26, he added, when
the whole problem of the Japa-
nese peace treaty would be ham-
mered out by the Empire repre-
sentatives.

Ball Resignation

The resignation, announced
in Tokyo today, of Mr. William
MacMahon Ball, the British
Commonwealth representative
on the Allied Control Council
for Japan and head of the Aus-
tralian-Liaison mission in Japan,
has been accepted by the Prime
Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley. It
was officially stated here today.

Officials of the External Af-
fairs Department said that Mr.
MacMahon Ball had asked to be
recalled several times because
he believed the Control Council
to be ineffective, but they said
the statement that the resigna-
tion was "because he could not
carry on under Dr. Evatt" was
unexpected.

Mr. Ball had remained in
Tokyo at the Australian Govern-
ment's request until Dr.
Evatt recently visited Japan.
No decision has been made

**Gandhi
Voices
Disapproval**

Calcutta, Aug. 17.

Mohandas Gandhi tonight
voiced his disapproval of people
claiming to be followers of his
technique of Satyagraha (pas-
sive resistance) said to have
surrounded the administrator's
bungalow at Chandernagore,
the French settlement near Cal-
cutta.

He told a prayer meeting here
that he disapproved of such
procedure at the present time.
Mr. Gandhi said that Pandit
Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian
Prime Minister, was there to
look after such affairs and ad-
ded: "After all, the French peo-
ple are a great people, lovers of
liberty."

"They must not be subject to
any strain by India which has
just come into possession of
liberty."

India, he added, was bound to
protect French possessions in
India against any untoward ac-
tions by Indians.—Reuter.

**And So We Say
Farewell....**

Bombay, Aug. 17.

To the strain of "Auld Lang Syne," played by a
Royal Indian Navy band, the first contingent
of British troops to sail from India as a result
of the transfer of power embarked in the
troopship Georgic here today.

Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of the
Dominion of India, and Lady Mountbatten,
with Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck,
Supreme Commander in India, and Sir John
Colville, Governor of Bombay, were at the
quayside to see them off.

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minis-
ter of the Dominion of India,
sent a message of God-speed.
The message was marked by
a demonstration of friendship.
The troops, the Second Batta-
lion of the Royal Norfolk Regi-
ment and some Royal Air Force
personnel, were piped on board
by a band of the Second Royal
Sikh Regiment.

Guards of honour, formed by
men of the Royal Indian Navy,
the Indian Army and the Royal
Indian Air Force, waved their
caps and cheered as the ship
cast off, the British troops
cheering in reply.

Pandit Nehru, in his farewell
message, held up the British
forces as an example. "I know
the good quality of the British
soldier and I should like our
own Army to have those quali-
ties," he said.

Nothing To Fear

"The bonds that tied India to
Britain against the wishes of
her people have been removed,
resulting in a far more friend-
ly feeling in India towards Bri-
tain than at any time previ-
ously."

Declaring that it was a good
thing that the British were
withdrawing, Pandit Nehru en-
ded his message with the words:
"We have nothing to fear from
each other in the future, and
there are many things in which
we can cooperate."

"It is a rare in history that
such a parting takes place not
only peacefully, but with good-
will. It is a good augury for
the future."

Field Marshal Sir Claude
Auchinleck, in a farewell letter
to each man, said: "You have
deserved well of this country
and its people."

Lord Mountbatten, thanking
the men at the quayside, said:
"This is a very historic day,
because with the departure of
the British forces, the outward
and visible sign of British rule
in India disappears, and its
place is taken by something very
much more valuable, a really
great friendship between Bri-
tish and Indians."

As a former Viceroy, I want
to thank all the British forces
for the part they played in es-
tablishing good relations in this
country."

His instructions had been to
transfer power "in a manner
that shall ensure a close and
lasting basis of friendship be-
tween British and Indians,"
Lord Mountbatten said.

His task had been completed
"because both in Karachi on
Aug. 14 and in New Delhi on
Aug. 15, and even in the rain
here in Bombay, we have had
a most wonderful reception by
the Indian people."

"The crowds have been really
enthusiastic and friendly in
every possible way, and amid
the cries of 'Mahatma Gandhi
Ki Jal' (Long Live Gandhi)
and 'Pandit Nehru Ki Jal', I
was flattered to hear an oc-
casional 'Pandit Mountbatten Ki
Jal'."

**UNION OF
BURMA**

Rangoon, Aug. 17.

The Burmese Constituent
Assembly, before adjourning
last night, adopted in outline
the draft constitution for the
future independent Union of
Burma.

The new constitution, drawn
up in the form of a Bill, is to
be introduced into the Assem-
bly at the resumed session on
Sept. 16, and is expected to be
adopted finally before the end
of September.

The draft Bill provides for
the establishment of three
autonomous frontier states—
Shan, Kachin and Karen.—
Reuter.

**Rumania
Wants To Be
Friendly**

Bucharest, Aug. 17.

Besides cooperating
with Eastern Europe,
Rumania must seek
friendly agreements with
the Western democracies
—Britain, the United
States and, above all,
France—Dr. George Ta-
tarescu, Rumanian De-
puty Prime Minister,
speaking in his capacity
as chief of the National
Liberal Party, told the
Party Executive here.

Rumania's policy of "regional
cooperation" must not become
"regional isolation," he said.
"We deplore recent inter-
national developments whose
outcome was contrary to our
hopes."

Dr. Tatarescu said that it
would be the duty of Rumanian
Government, in order to increase
collaboration with the Soviet
Union, to create a juridical and
diplomatic machine which would
constitute the keystone of
Rumania's foreign policy.

"A plan for the reconstruction
of Europe without the partici-
pation of the Soviet Union is
destined to failure from the be-
ginning," he said.

"In any case, the carrying out
of such a plan could have only
mediocre results and would not
come up to the hopes which
every European country enter-
tains."—Reuter.

Tientsin, Aug. 17.

Railway officials said today that
an empty coal train was derail-
ed by two Communist mines 60
miles from Tientsin. The of-
ficials said they believed there
was no loss of life.—United Press.

**Hungary To Indict
Father Balogh**

Budapest, Aug. 17.

The Hungarian Government will issue an indict-
ment against Father Balogh, former member
of the Smallholders Party and now head of the
"Independence" Party, on Monday, according
to the Hungarian Press.

Father Balogh was accused
yesterday in a speech by the
Smallholders deputy, Mr. Eugene
Kotvick, of offences against the
common criminal law and
of acts of gross corruption. All
Budapest papers reprinted this
speech today.

Meanwhile ten Hungarian
parties have so far submitted
lists of candidates in accordance
with the new regulations for
the coming elections.

**Nationalisation
Demand**

Berlin, Aug. 17.

Delegates to the Miners
Convention in Russian-occupied
Weilburg today called for state
ownership of German mines,
"Neues Deutschland," organ of
the Communist-dominated So-
cialist Unity Party (SED) said.

The delegates, assertedly re-
presenting 600,000 German
miners, agreed that trusteeship
by State is the only solution un-
til an overall ownership is
enacted by the four powers
occupying Germany.

Striking at the proposed
American loans to the Ruhr,
the Convention resolved that
"every attempt which tries to
submit the mines to foreign
capital will meet the resistance
of the miners and their organiza-
tions," the newspaper said.—
United Press.

**MORE FOOD
PREDICTED**

Berlin, Aug. 17.

Improved food rations for
the Russian zone of Germany,
which has suffered particularly
from potato shortages, were
predicted for next year by
Heinrich Rau, Economics Minis-
ter for the state of Branden-
burg, today.

Rau, who was quoted in the
Russian Army "Tsaghba
Rasschet," said that careful
calculations based on this year's
harvest indicated a slight ration
increase in the Russian zone in
1948.—United Press.

**Free City
Plan For
Fr. India**

Lyons, Aug. 18.

The Colonial Minister
Marius Moutet announ-
ced today that French
India, the 198-square
miles of the Indian pen-
insular population of 230,000,
would become an estab-
lishment of five free
cities within the French
Union.

"The decrees already have
been signed," the Minister said.
"The plan of reform encounter-
ed the hostility of only the Com-
munist. The members of the
Congress Party, following the
suggestions of (Mohandas K.)
Gandhi and Pandit (Jawa-
harlal) Nehru are already ac-
cepted."

Nehru is Prime Minister of
the new Dominion of India
whose territory surrounds
French India.

Moutet said the free cities
would be Pondicherry, Karikal,
Chandernagor, Mahe and
Yanam.—Associated Press.

**DANUBE
NAVIGATION**

London, Aug. 17.

German ships are to take part
in Danube navigation, according
to the Vienna Radio today, quot-
ing a report issued by General
Lucius D. Clay, United States
Military Governor in Germany.

This measure is the result of
negotiations between representa-
tives of Austria and the Anglo-
American zone in Germany, and is
primarily intended to further coal
transportation on the Danube, the
announcer said.—Reuter.

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Women Robbed In Hut Raid

Four men who allegedly robbed two women inmates of Hut 1, Shan Kui, Cheung Chau Island, of \$700, one gold bangle and three gold finger rings at 2.45 a.m. on July 30 were all arrested within nine hours of the crime.

This was revealed by Det. Inspector Franklin when committal proceedings were commenced against Chung Yuen, Chung Wah, Chung Tai-ming and Chung Shui.

It was alleged that when the four men entered the hut the first accused attacked Ip Sung-ping (a 60-year-old farmer) while the others ransacked the place.

When the wife, Ip Ho, and daughter escaped through a hole in the grass hut, the second and third accused chased after them and stripped them of the money and jewellery.

Two were arrested at 6.05 a.m. by Police constable 325 (Continued at foot of Col. 4.)

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What Happened In The Courts

Ship's Trimmer Paid Up

William James Aves, 24-year-old fireman and trimmer of the s/s "Trevallor", was arrested by a Shantung constable on duty outside the Star Ferry wharf, Salisbury Road, at 4.45 p.m. on Sunday. Aves, said Inspector Orem to Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, was drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner. When Aves pleaded guilty, he was fined \$25.

ASSAULT

Young Sam was complainant before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Wong Fai and Ho Lam were jointly charged with assault and Ho Sin Shuk with larceny during the alleged assault in Percival Street on June 11.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the complainant while Mr. C. A. Sutherland represented all the defendants and S.I. Cohen for the police.

Young Sam told the court that at 3.30 p.m. on June 11 he was assaulted by a crowd of men. He dashed into a nearby restaurant, where the proprietor telephoned for police assistance. He was taken to the station and later to hospital.

Lo Ching, a wood sawer, said he saw the third accused picking up a coat and go through the pockets.

Further hearing was adjourned to September 18.

HAWKER CHARGED

Over 120 hawkers were dealt with by Mr. F. J. d'Almada at Central yesterday for hawking and causing obstruction in various parts of Victoria. Fines ranging from \$10 to \$40 were imposed and most of the offenders were given the option of paying their fines and retrieving their goods or losing their goods.

Report On German Export Drive

Berlin, Aug. 17.
General Lucius D. Clay, American military Governor in Germany, said today that the six-month-old export drive by the western zone was finally showing healthy growth and in July totalled approximately US\$15,000,000, not including the value of heavy timber shipments.

He estimated that the overall value of July exports reached US\$25,000,000.

General Clay pointed out that continued improvement of export business depended on the food supply and predicted that any decline would hurt production for export.

He said if the current hot weather reduced the size of the German crops, it would be necessary to request more food supplies from the United States.

He said there had been an informal agreement with the British in Berlin on the necessity of importing steel ingots from the United States to rebuild the debilitated railroad system and construct new mine machinery. New rolling stock and mine machinery are considered two of the local technical problems in raising Ruhr coal production to pre-war levels.

General Clay said that it was intended to pay for American steel imports with proceeds from the export drive. He said the tonnage agreed upon as necessary was somewhat below 25,000 tons monthly for a period of six months. However, he added, other tonnage figures might have been discussed in Washington.—United Press.

with \$550 in their possession. The third and fourth were apprehended by Detective Chan On at Sal Wen-Mei at 11.30 a.m. with the balance of the loot. Further evidence will be heard on Thursday, Aug. 21.

Two Widows Arrested

Two widows were arrested by Senior Revenue Officer Tuck and Revenue Department Detective 45 in the act of transferring dutiable Chinese liquor from a broken-down lorry to another truck near the reservoir on Saturday.

Before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, R/O Leonard said that Chan Yee-nui, 33, had eight gallons in her possession when arrested by SRO Tuck. Ho Ng, 35, was found with 18 gallons by R/O Detective 45.

The two accused had a previous conviction each.

Chan was fined \$200, and Ho \$250.

ROBBERY UNDER ARMS

At the Sessions yesterday, Fung Kwong and Leung Yu were sentenced to eight years and 12 strokes by Mr. Justice Williams when they pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more. On another charge of possession of arms they were sentenced to three years, the sentences to run concurrently.

Wong Yuen pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from a dwelling and was sentenced to three years. He got a further two years for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Pleading guilty to a charge of robbery by two or more and to the possession of arms, Li Fan received eight years in all and 12 strokes.

PIPING STOLEN

For having in his possession four lengths of iron water piping, reasonably suspected to have been stolen, Wong Hoi-nam, 38, of Chai Wan was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment with the option of a fine of \$400 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Wide Raids On Opium Divans

Eleven opium divans in various parts of Wanchai were raided by parties from No. 2 Police Station under the direction of A.S.P. Haig Brown during the weekend.

Keepers and smokers were brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

The following fines were imposed:

Choi Kai, 32, of 16 Spring Garden Lane (1st floor), keeper, was fined \$500 or two months.

Chan Chun, 40, of 215 Wanchai Road (basement), keeper, was fined \$750 or three months.

Yeung Tak, 23, of 63 Spring Garden Lane (2nd floor), keeper, was fined \$1,000 or five months; the smokers were fined \$20 each or two days, and an order for eviction was issued.

Leung Yat, 32, of 22 Tang Lung Street (1st floor), keeper, was fined \$500 or two months and an eviction order was issued.

Hau Kee, 40, of 16 Tai Yuen Street (1st floor), keeper, was fined \$500 or two months.

Chan Kam, 36, of 38, Percival Street (2nd floor), keeper, was fined \$1,000 or four months; eight smokers were each fined \$20 or two days and an eviction order was issued.

Chau Sang, 33, of 78 Spring Garden Lane (2nd floor), keeper, had his bail of \$500 extended. A.S.P. Haig Brown asked the Magistrate to issue a warrant for his arrest.

Tang Fong, 37, of 15 Tai Wo Street (1st floor), keeper, was fined \$1,000 or four months and 11 smokers were each fined \$20 or two days.

Lo See, married woman, of 6 Spring Garden Lane (1st floor), keeper, did not appear and her bail of \$800 was extended.

Tao Yung, 29, of a hut in Tai Wong Street West, keeper, was fined \$750 or three months.

Chan Yee, 56, of 73 Cross St. (1st floor), failed to appear and had her bail of \$100 extended.

Seized from the raided premises were 33 pipes, 16 mace of opium, three pipes of opium water and over 300 lamps. These were ordered destroyed.

Other Raids

Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes also carried out three opium divan raids on Saturday, arresting three keepers, ten smokers, and seizing nine pipes, 13 lamps and 17 small pots of opium.

Tam Kam, 65, woman, was fined \$200 (or one month's simple imprisonment) for keeping a divan at 411 Reclamation Street, first floor. Siu Pun, 36-year-old unemployed, had a bigger place at 191 Portland St., second floor, and so had to pay a fine of \$250.

The dive kept by Leung Lai, 19, married woman, was a "pretty small affair" with the result that she was only fined \$100 with an additional \$10 for possession of 1.1 mace of prepared opium.

The ten smokers were fined \$15 each as were the six arrested in Lam Cheung's divan at 34 Shantung Street, first floor, which was raided by S/I Thomas on the same day. Lam, the keeper, was fined \$200, and the three pipes and three lamps seized were confiscated.

S/I Howarth prosecuted in all cases.

Bracelet Found

Police are in possession of a bracelet having the word "HILDA" on the outside and on the inside "FROM PETE" 9-7-47. The owner is requested to call at the Central Police Station to collect it.

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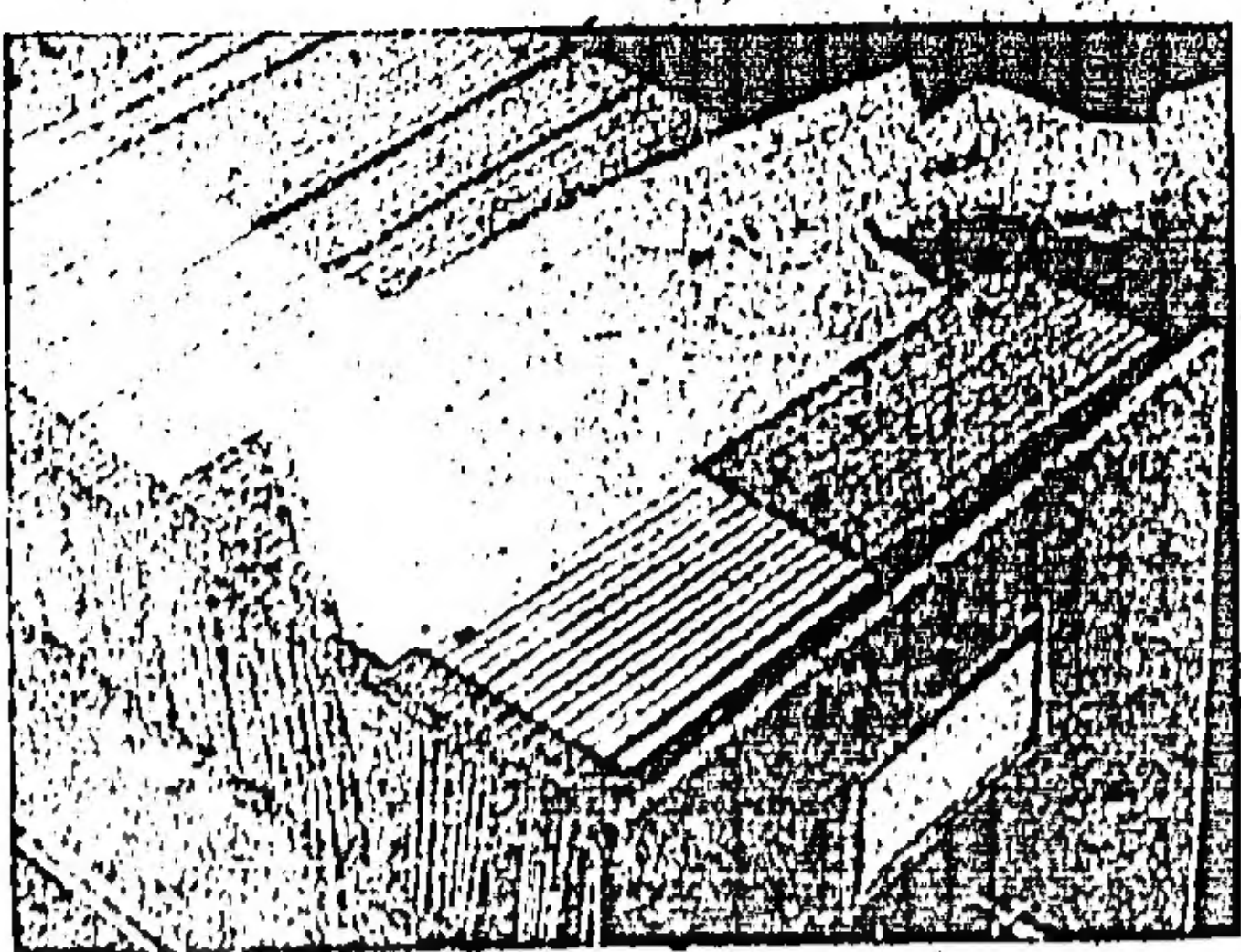
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PARTITION OF PALESTINE PROBABLE SOLUTION UNSCOP Members Discuss Plan

Arab Corridor To The Sea

Geneva, Aug. 17. Partition now appeared acceptable in principle as the solution of the Palestine problem to the majority of the United Nations Committee which is writing its recommendations on the issue to the United Nations Assembly, UNSCOP sources said today. The trend emerged after weeks of the freest possible exchange of view on the problem among UNSCOP members behind closed doors, when differences of opinion were considerably narrowed down, the sources added.

Views on how to effect partition, however, have not yet been sufficiently coordinated. They ranged from a proposal setting up two entirely independent states to a suggestion for federation of two independent units with some form of superstructure.

The trend of even the most liberal proposals for partition was, according to informants, to include in the recommendations provision for possible ultimate "getting together" of the two states for closer cooperation in future with a view to welding them together rather than perpetuating a clear cut separation.

A plan for setting up an economic council composed of Arabs, Jews and United Nations representatives, to enact and enforce the closest possible economic cooperation between the Jewish and Arab states in case of partition, is now being examined by UNSCOP members, according to well-informed sources close to the Committee.

Customs Union

A plan worked out suggests the formation of a Customs Union between the Jewish and Arab states, which would be politically independent with full sovereign rights and control of immigration into their respective territories. An Economic Council, with Arab, Jewish and United Nations representation should, however, enforce close cooperation in the economic field, such as carrying out a customs union, unification of the transport system, free transit for traffic in both directions and sharing the irrigation systems, while industrial, general and economic development in each state would proceed independently.

The plan envisages also a free port at Haifa, with the Arabs to be given access to the sea on a broad strip with Gaza.

Tentative Frontier

The plan envisages tentatively frontiers between the two states to be such as to include in the Jewish state Galilee for geographical, political and sentimental reasons, to incorporate southernmost Jewish settlements and water resources in the southern area of Negeva and a wedge bulging out as far as Jerusalem to include and link up Jewish settlements with the Jewish part of Jerusalem. Jerusalem proper would be left out with provision for separate status.

The Arab state would link up with the Arab part of Jerusalem and reach the sea south of Gaza on a broad strip.

Negev, from about south of the 31st parallel, would under this scheme be developed separately under a joint Jewish-Arab-UN directorate with parity for im-

migration in accordance with the economic plans to be currently developed for it.—United Press.

Showdown

Jerusalem, Aug. 17. Feverish preparations by Palestine Arabs for a political showdown at the United Nations General Assembly reached the first phase today with the naming of a seven-man committee which will represent this country's Arabs at Lake Success.

The head of the delegation will be Jamal Hussein, deputy chairman of the Arab Higher Committee. The Secretary is Dr. Hussein Fakhri Khalid, who is also Secretary of the Arab Higher Committee. Members include: Emile Ghoury, Christian member of the Arab Higher Committee; Rafai el Hussein, who is the Grand Mufti's nephew, Henry Cattani, Wassel Kamal and Issa Nakhle.

The last two members are now in the United States representing the Committee. Emile Ghoury, Henry Cattani, Rafai el Hussein and Issa Nakhle appeared before the United Nations last May.—United Press.

Elizabeth's Wedding

Who Will Be Her Bridesmaids?

London, Aug. 17. Latest speculation on the forthcoming marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten is turning on the choice of bridesmaids.

In pre-austerity days the Princess would probably have been attended by at least a dozen bridesmaids, but in keeping with the times, it is unlikely that when she goes to Westminster Abbey on Nov. 20 she will have more than six.

There are three obvious choices. Her younger sister, Princess Margaret Rose, will, of course, be chief bridesmaid. It is almost certain that Princess Alexandra, ten-year-old daughter of the Duchess of Kent, will be in attendance, and Court circles believe that Pamela Mountbatten, will be the third choice. It is believed that Princess Elizabeth has already made her choice, but the names of those she has selected will not be announced for some time.

Not Elaborate

One definite decision is that the Archbishop of Canterbury will observe the ordinary marriage service of the Church of England.

The wedding will be on a much less elaborate scale than the Coronation of the King and Queen in 1937.

One of the Archbishop's problems is to find an expert to emboss on vellum the wedding licence. The craftsman who had prepared Royal licences for decades is now dead and the art of beautiful penmanship becomes more rare.

Details of the wedding cake have not yet been announced, but it is certain to be smaller than the one which was cut with a silver knife at the wedding of the King and Queen—a cake nine feet high and weighing some 800 pounds.

Empire Gifts

Princess Elizabeth is at present busy with her trousseau. From all parts of Britain and the Commonwealth come stories of gifts being prepared by loyal citizens.

Arrangements will be made to display all wedding presents in the State rooms of St. James' Palace. As on previous Royal marriage occasions, the public will be able to see the presents on payment of a small sum for charity.

At Ballin, in Scotland, today, Princess Elizabeth, and Lieutenant Mountbatten, were

YOUTH FESTIVAL

Prague, Aug. 17. Volunteer youth brigades from Britain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Poland, here for an international youth festival, have been clearing the foundations for houses and levelling roads for the new village, the village wiped out by the Germans during the occupation. Plans for the new village are not yet completely settled, but initial construction work is expected to be under way next summer.—Reuter.

Rangoon Curfew Extended

Rangoon, Aug. 17. The Government has decided to take strong measures to suppress shooting incidents, which have become more frequent since the assassination of eight political leaders last month, and the Burma Army may be used if necessary.

Meanwhile, the curfew, which has been in effect in Rangoon since the assassinations, will be extended tonight, from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. local time, instead of from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

This morning, members of the Constituent Assembly trooped to Jubilee Hall to pay their last respects to U Aung San and the other slain leaders, who are lying in state.—United Press.

Weather Experts Were Right

Toronto, Aug. 18. The man whose scientific judgment set the date for the greatest invasion in world history, the Allied landings in France on June 6, 1944, was not a soldier but a mild-mannered Norwegian weather expert, Dr. S. Petersen, who has been attending an international meteorological conference here.

Modest about his part in formulating the decision to invade on what became known as "D-Day," Dr. Petersen is always ready to talk about weather.

Because of the urgent necessity of having everything just right, sea, surf, air, high and low tides, at a period followed by favourable conditions for a definite number of days in order to land supplies and maintain a force, only three days of June, 1944, were possible for the invasion, he told a reporter—June 5, 6, and 7. Only on the sixth would surf, swell, and air be right.

Dr. Petersen had this to say about the command's reliance on weather experts:

"On the advice of a group of meteorologists, the Supreme Command, decided to postpone invasion preparations 24 hours and timed the assault on the morning of June 6 entirely on the meteorologists' advice. They went in on the sixth; if they had gone on the fifth or seventh, it would have been really fierce going."

The Allied beach-bombing schedule also was prepared on meteorologists' promises that there would be a clear sky for two hours after sunrise on the sixth, he said, adding, "and it worked."—Associated Press.

London, Aug. 17. The Norwegian-born film star, Greta Gyn, left London by air today for Oslo. She is to attend the premiere at Trondheim of the British film "Take My Life," in which she plays the leading role.—Reuter.

Threat To Colombo Averted

Colombo, Aug. 17. Between 15,000 and 20,000 people had by tonight evacuated the flood-threatened area of Colombo, after the river Kelani had burst its banks above the city and flooded parts of the city to a depth of three and a half feet.

The danger peak appeared to have passed, with the river level remaining stationary for seven hours. At Hanwella, 18 miles upstream, the level had fallen 14 inches after reaching an all-time record of 42 feet 3 inches.

Colombo was not yet completely out of danger, however, since the river was not expected to drop below the danger point until tomorrow morning.

The Colombo Radio, at present the only means of communication between the central authorities and the affected up-country areas, was broadcasting special news bulletins every half hour. It was officially stated tonight that casualties were not expected to be heavy, but extensive property damage was feared.

An official communique on the flood situation, stating that there was no reason for panic, disclosed that 1,000 men, including 250 men loaned by the military authorities, are working night and day to strengthen the weak points on the dyke.

Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore, Governor of Ceylon, who will visit the flooded areas in the suburbs of Colombo tomorrow, has organized a flood relief fund.—Reuter.

cheered by a large crowd when they accompanied the King and Queen to Crathie Church, near Dalmeida.

The Royal party, which also included Princess Margaret, drove to the church in an open car, and was greeted by several thousand people, who proceeded to the little village in car and buses.—Reuter.



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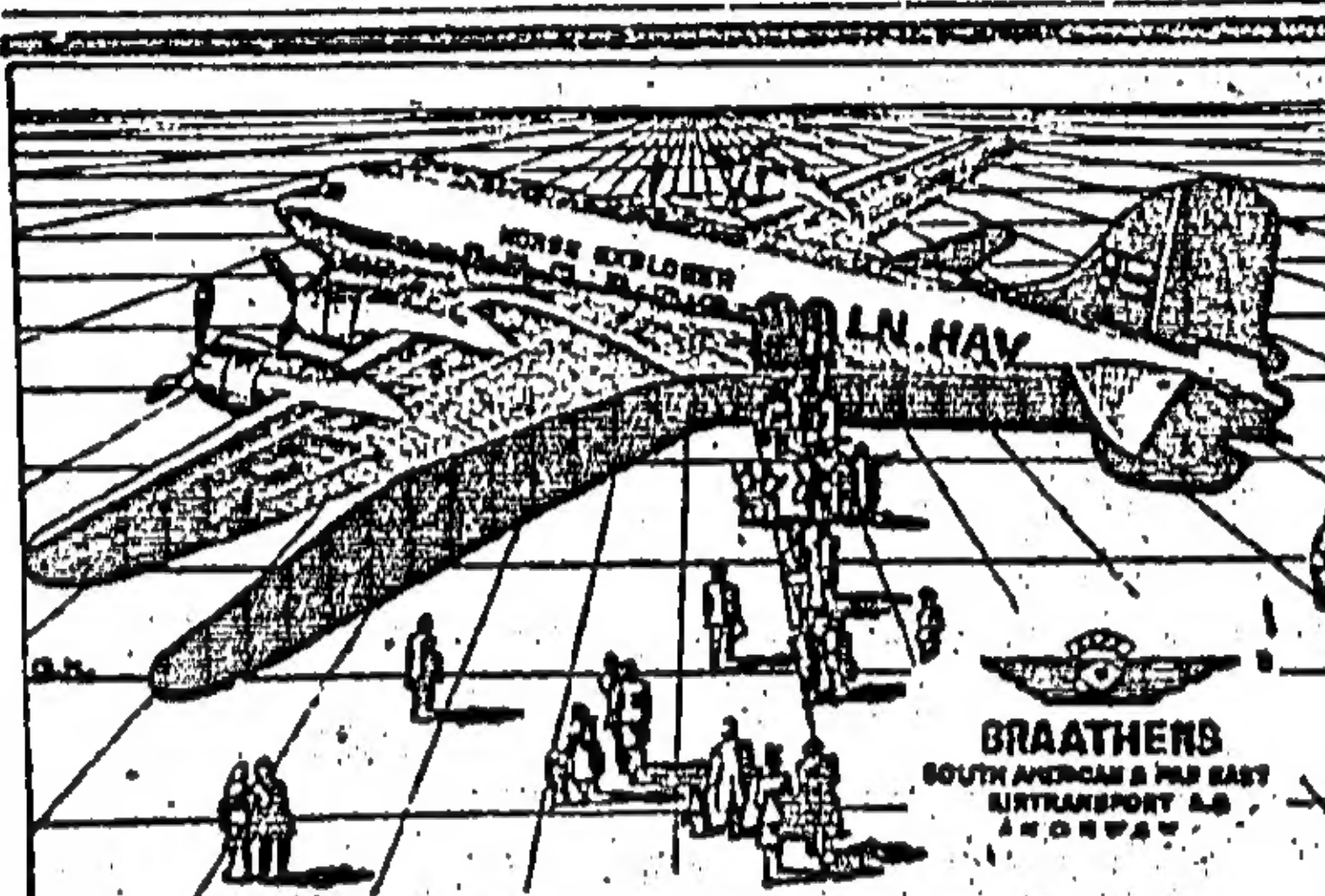
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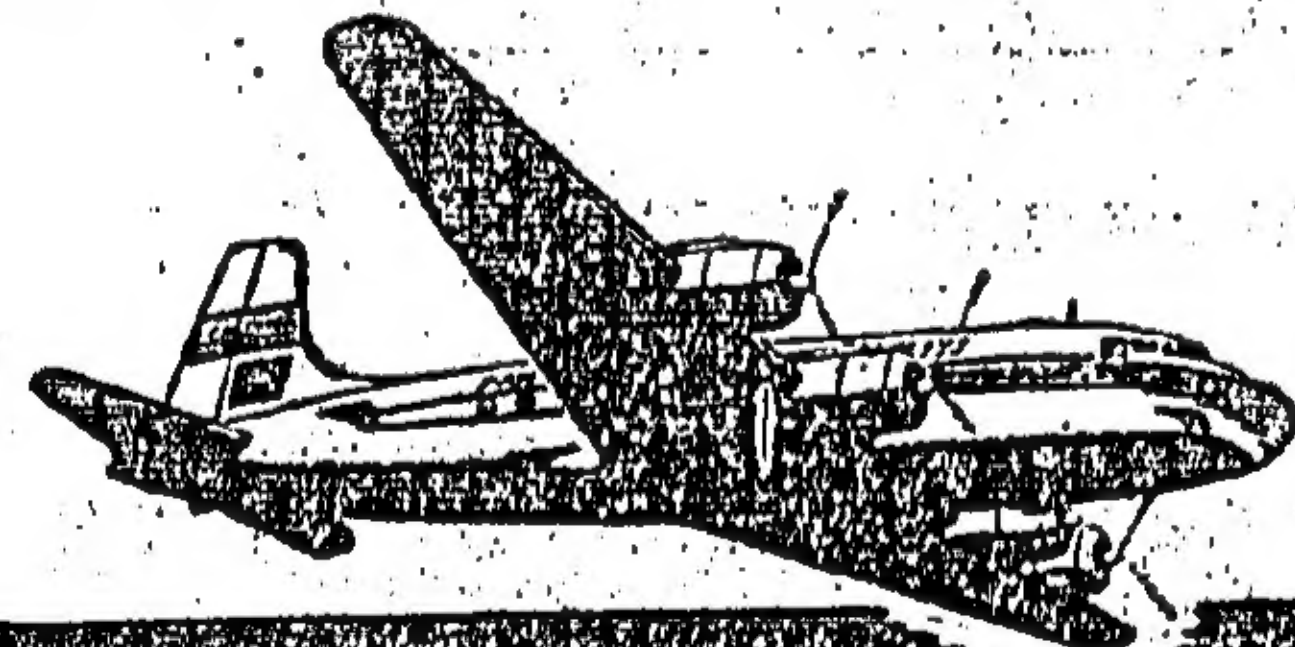
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Traders Flock To Tokyo

Tokyo, Aug. 17.

The renovated Teito Hotel, formerly the bombed Imperial Forestry building on the Emperor's Palace grounds and now the most sumptuous hostelry in Tokyo, is rapidly filling with foreign traders arriving by the plane load every day.

A canvass of the first arrivals—21 who came on Friday—could not disclose which way the trade winds are blowing but revealed unhesitating satisfaction with the accommodation.

The feverish tempo noticeable at the airport on Friday morning had slowed down to leisurely drink-sipping on the verandah.

The Japanese Board of Trade, which renovated the Teito Hotel, did not spare efforts and the result makes the pre-war Imperial Hotel, where generals are at present billeted, second rate.

Shapiro Too

Thinking a "kiss" while a white-coated Japanese attendant fitted discreetly in the background, Mr. George Shapiro, New York City textile dealer, admitted the next two days are filled up with business appointments, but at present he was content to relax. "This is terrific," he said.

Mr. Ernest S. Herler, of New York City, who arrived four days ahead of schedule, said he was happy "if I do not lose a million dollars, but this is a nice vacation."—United Press.

FLOATED FOR 24 DAYS ON OILDRUM RAFT

Shanghai, Aug. 17.

The story of the sinking of a Japanese oil transport, the Asia Maru, in a raging storm with 40 persons aboard, and the rescue of one survivor, who was afloat for 24 days on an oil drum raft, was flashed to a radio station at Shanghai from an UNRRA fishing boat, the Washington, which on Aug. 15 picked up Kanamoda Oposoco, single survivor and member of the Korean crew.

The Asia Maru was bound for Dairen from Fusan, Korea, with 28 passengers and 12 crew members. It was within sight of the approaches to Oposoco, when it began to take more water through leaks than could be pumped out and it sank a few hours later.

Debrium

Weakened from lack of food and water and severely sunburned in the wrists and ankles, Oposoco in lucid moments between spells of delirium, told officers of the UNRRA vessel a strange story of death and disaster at sea.

Just before the ship sank, a life-raft was improvised from three oil cans and a few boards lashed together with rope. This was thrown on the heavy waves, which made control of the flailing vessel difficult, and several persons tried to swim to it.

Only two of them—Oposoco was one—reached it. The other man, Oposoco related, died during the waterless, foodless, sun-soaked days and fevered nights as the tiny makeshift craft drifted helplessly between the North China and Korean coasts.

Oposoco lost his own clothing and stripped clothing from the floating body of a dead woman. He was wearing women's clothing when rescued.—United Press.

Bilbo Dying?

New Orleans, Aug. 17.

Attending physicians of the Foundation Hospital reported today that Senator Joe P. Bilbo had developed pulmonary embolism and was in a serious condition.

It was widely reported here and in his home state, Mississippi, that he was dying.—United Press.

Money Market

The money market was quiet yesterday after the week-end recess, and volume of business dropped.

Which closed on Saturday at \$304 a ton, opened at \$301. After fluctuating between \$305 and \$306, it closed at \$301.50. Plaster opened at \$14.20 a 100 and after rising to \$14.70, closed at \$14.65.

Chinese National Currency started off at 13.35 cents for dollars and 13.95 cents for spot (for CNY2000), and closed at 13.25 cents and 14 cents respectively.

Storing notes started from \$13.20 to \$13.30. The price on Saturday was \$13.10.

U.S. dollars were firm at \$5.11 and after rising to \$5.17, closed at \$5.13.

Australian pound notes were unchanged at \$12.63.

Manila Revenue Booms

Manila, Aug. 18.

The income of the year-old Philippine Republic, which a few months ago thought it was facing bankruptcy unless American aid was forthcoming, more than tripled expectations of the last fiscal year.

It will exceed the US\$100,000,000 mark this year, a survey showed today.

Collections by the Bureau Internal Revenue ending June 30, topped US\$86,000,000, the Bureau announced.

Only US\$26,000,000 originally were expected.

As the year progressed, the Government income was raised to US\$45,000,000 and again to US\$60,000,000 but no one anticipated the final yield would reach the figure it did.

During the fiscal year 1947-48 the national income is expected to rise above 200,000,000 pesos, which at present has a 100 per cent backing in two to one exchange with American dollars.

Tightening of the tax collection system, the increase of franchise taxes to five per cent on gross incomes and the steady pursuit of war profit taxes are all contributing to the Government's increased revenues.—Associated Press.

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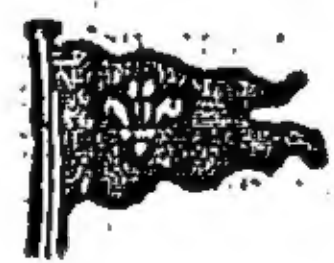
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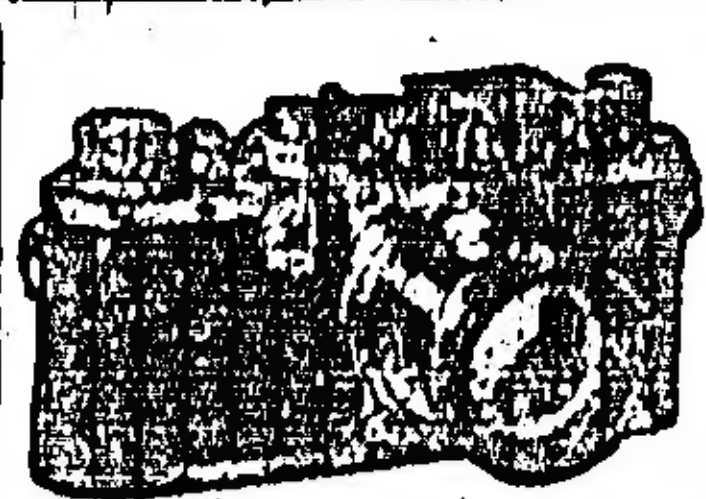
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TAILENDERS AID ENGLAND IN 5TH TEST

London, Aug. 18.
England's last four wickets added a brisk 116 in 85 minutes and carried the total to 427 when the fifth cricket Test continued at Kensington Oval today.

South Africa replied with 19 for no wickets in 25 minutes before lunch.

The chief scorers in the bright display this morning were Glidwin, who got 61 not out, including seven fours in just over an hour, and Geoffrey Evans, whose hard-hitting earned 45 before he was run out through an unfortunate misunderstanding with Glidwin.

Wright, who experienced some luck in trying to help Glidwin add 50 in 45 minutes for the ninth wicket.

England batted seven hours and 55 minutes. The outstanding feature of the South African bowling was Mann's figures of 6 overs, 28 maidens, 53 runs and four wickets, a remarkably good performance in view of the punishment received from Glidwin today.

A large crowd was present in sweltering heat when South Africa began batting in a wicket which looked good for plenty of runs.

American Baseball

New York, Aug. 18.
The results of the American baseball matches played today were:

In the second game, the Braves won 3-1.

Series:

American League

R. H. E.

Boston 3 8 0

New York 0 6 1

Winning pitcher: Denny Galehouse.

(1st game)

Philadelphia 2 7 0

Washington 1 10 0

Winning pitcher: Dick Fowler.

(2nd game)

Philadelphia 5 12 2

Washington 2 4 0

Winning pitcher: Phil Marchildon.

(1st game)

Detroit 0 5 0

Chicago 1 9 0

Winning pitcher: Loput.

(2nd game)

Detroit 4 9 1

Chicago 3 6 1

Winning pitcher: Hal Newhouser.

(1st game)

Cleveland 6 12 0

St. Louis 7 10 0

Winning pitcher: Moulder.

(2nd game)

Cleveland 4 11 0

St. Louis 3 4 2

Winning pitcher: Gettel.

(1st game)

St. Louis 6 9 1

Pittsburgh 5 14 1

Winning pitcher: Hearn.

(2nd game)

St. Louis 3 4 2

Pittsburgh 5 14 1

Winning pitcher: Warren Spahn.

(2nd game)

New York 1 8 1

Boston 2 5 3

Winning pitcher: Warren Spahn.

(2nd game)

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Boston 2 5 3

Winning pitcher: Valselle.

(1st game)

Cleveland 4 11 0

St. Louis 3 4 2

Winning pitcher: Gettel.

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Winning pitcher: Gettel.

(1st game)

Brooklyn 4 9 0

Philadelphia 4 9 0

Winning pitcher: Behrman.

(2nd game)

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Cincinnati 11 19 0

Winning pitcher: Pascau.

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The Scoreboard

The scoreboard at lunch interval was:

ENGLAND—FIRST INNINGS.

Hutton, b Mann 83

Compton, c Tuckett, b Rowan 53

Yardley, b Mann 59

Crabtree, stumped Fullerton.

Rowan, b Mann 45

Washbrook, lbw, b Mann 32

Robinson, c Melville, b Smith 4

Hewson, c Fullerton, b Roman 23

Evans, run out 49

Glidwin, not out 51

Wright, b Mann 14

Copson, b Dawson 8

Extras 12

All out for 427

Fall of wickets: 1-81, 2-89,

3-178, 4-178, 5-271, 6-200, 7-332.

8-358, 9-408.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.

Tuckett 32 6 82 0

Dawson 35 5 80 1

Mann 64 28 33 4

Rowan 38 9 102 3

Smith 21 0 68 1

Leg byes 4, No balls 7 (one by Rowan).

SOUTH AFRICA

FIRST INNINGS

Mitchell, not out 16

Dyer, not out 13

Total for no wickets 10

Tennis Awards

Prize-giving of the Tennis

tournaments organized by the

Hong Kong Cricket Club took

place yesterday at the Club

Pavilion.

Present were H.E. Sir Alexan-

der Grantham and Lady Gran-

tham.

Miss Mitchell presented the

prizes.

In the absence of the president,

Mr. H. Owen Hughes thanked the

donors of the prizes, particularly

Mr. Morse, who he said had

done very much for the rehabili-

tation of sport in the Colony.

He also thanked the La-

bourne, who had presented the

Open Challenge Cup for the Open

Doubles.

Mr. Owen Hughes also men-

tioned the good work done by the

organizers of the competition,

particularly Messrs. R. R. Davis,

G. W. Way and Sheriff.

Open Singles (Challenge Cup

presented by The Hon. Mr. A.

Morse)—Winner: Tsui Yui Pui.

Runner-up: Tsui Yui Pui.

Open Doubles (Challenge Cup

presented by Mr. M. K. & Mr. M.

W. Lo)—Winners: Tsui Yui Pui

and Tsui Yui Pui.

Open Singles (Challenge Cup

presented by The Hon. Mr. A.

Morse)—Winner: Tsui Yui Pui.

Runner-up: Tsui Yui Pui.

Open Doubles (Challenge Cup

presented by The Hon. Mr. A.

Morse)—Winners: Mr. and Mrs. D.

Y. P. and Mrs. D. Y. P.

Photo: Runners-up: Mrs. C.

Prophet and F. A. Weller.

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Electric Light Refunds

The Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd. yesterday asked the "China Mail" to draw public attention to the fact that it is prepared to refund consumers' deposits paid to the company before the outbreak of hostilities in December, 1941.

By reason of the Moratorium which is at present still in being, the company could not claim payment of these outstanding accounts, nor was the company forced to refund deposits.

In May this year, the company advertised its willingness to refund deposits, less a proportion to be held as security for any unpaid accounts.

To date only a small percentage of consumers have responded. The management, therefore, wish it to be known that any consumer who had money on deposit in 1941 should immediately claim repayment. In many cases, consumers have lost their deposit receipts, but, provided they can satisfy the company that they did, in fact, have a deposit, the company will repay.

The H.K. Electric further wish it to be known that they have made adequate arrangements for dealing with the flow of applications from the public for the refund of deposits, and they therefore invite all consumers who have not already done so to apply at once in writing to the company's Offices, P. & O. Building, for the repayment of their pre-war deposits.

It is also stated that interest on post-war deposits will be allowed at the rate of 2½ per annum on deposits of \$100 or over, where the consumer takes current for a period exceeding 6 months.

Interest will not be payable after disconnection, or transfer of the meter. Interest accrued to December 31st will be credited to consumers' accounts during the month of January 1948, and subsequently at yearly intervals.

Gloucestershire Still Four Above Middlesex

London, Aug. 18.
Gloucestershire are still four points ahead of Middlesex in their battle for leadership in the County cricket championship. Kent have moved up to third place, with Derbyshire fourth.

The "Terrible Twins" of Middlesex are leaders in the batting averages, W. J. Edrich, with 2,835 runs and an average of 105, is well ahead of his nearest rival, Denis Compton, who has an average of 83.93.

R. Horwath, of Worcestershire, remains the honours among bowlers, followed by Tom Goddard, of Gloucestershire. Here are the statistics, including matches which ended last Friday: County championship table:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	No dec.	1st Innings lead in match	2nd Innings lead in match	Pts.
Gloucestershire	21	15	2	4	0	1	2	102
Middlesex	21	15	4	2	0	2	4	144
Kent	23	10	8	5	0	1	3	136
Derbyshire	23	9	9	5	1	0	0	132
Worcestershire	23	7	8	8	0	4	5	120
Surrey	22	8	6	8	0	1	6	116
Gloucester	23	7	7	7	2	3	2	104
Essex	23	6	8	8	1	1	2	92
Sussex	22	7	11	4	0	1	1	92
Warwickshire	22	6	8	7	1	2	1	84
Yorkshire	21	5	7	7	1	1	4	80
Leicestershire	21	5	7	7	1	1	4	80
Somerset	21	5	7	7	1	1	4	80
Hampshire	21	5	7	7	1	1	4	80
Nottinghamshire	21	5	7	7	1	1	4	80
Northamptonshire	21	5	7	7	1	1	4	80

Batting averages: Qualification 25 innings, average 40.

	Innings	N.O.	Runs	311gts	Average
W. J. Edrich (Middlesex)	34	7	2,835	267	105
Dennis Compton (Middlesex)	37	7	2,602	208	89.93
M. Donnelly (Oxford)	25	6	1,344	162	70.73
C. Washbrook (Lancs)	34	7	1,374	251	70.40
L. Ames (Kent)	30	7	1,078	212	68.20
W. Place (Lancs)	32	4	1,831	268	65.39
J. Robertson (Middlesex)	43	3	2,389	229	59.72
J. Hardstaff (Notts)	32	2	1,048	202	54.93
G. Gladwin (Derbyshire)	32	3	1,540	197	50.20
H. Hutton (Yorks)	32	3	1,410	131	48.57
Bruce Mitchell (S. Africa)	31	3	1,871	37	48.20
T. N. Pearce (Essex)	42	7	1,871	37	48.20

Bowling:

by	Horwath (Worcestershire)	076.2	313	2,117	103	18
by	Goddard (Gloucestershire)	1137.5	294	3,008	181	10
do	Pollard (Lancs)	800.5	285	2,001	119	10
er-	J. Young (Middlesex)	946.5	258	2,041	112	16
	G. Pope (Derby)	907.5	189	2,038	115	10
	D. Wright (Kent)	802.5	200	1,970	105	16
ab-	D. Wright (Kent)	881.1	203	2,704	140	16
	C. Cranston (Lancs)	671.1	189	1,408	74	10
an-	L. B. Nutter (Gloucestershire)	018.0	178	1,724	86	20
an-	C. Cook (Gloucestershire)	828.5	221	2,380	117	20
	J. Butler (Notts)	770.2	200	1,781	89	20